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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SOVIET EVIDENCE OF WAR CRIMES

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. WITH REGARD TO OUR PROPOSED INSTRUCTION TO EMBASSY MOSCOW TO REQUEST SOVIET COOPERATION TO SECURE EVIDENCE OF ALLEGED WAR CRIMES BY THREE PERSONS NOW RESIDING IN THE US, YOU HAVE ASKED "WHAT ARE THE ALLEGED WAR CRIMES?"

2. DETAILS FOLLOW:

-- BRONIUS KAMINSKAS, BORN 15 OCTOBER 1903 IN LITHUANIA, IS ALLEGED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN MASS KILLINGS IN KRACIU, LITHUANIA ABOUT JULY 1941.

-- EDGAR LAIPANIEKS, ALSO KNOWN AS EDGAR LAFENIEKS, BORN 25 JUNE 1913 IN LATVIA, IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE KILLING AND BEATING OF PRISONERS IN CENTRAL PRISON, RIGA, IN 1941.

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-- ALEKSAS MASKOLIUNAS, BORN 20 JANUARY 1904 IN LITHUANIA,
IS ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED MURDER OF A JEW NAMED SCHMUL
GORDON IN CEIKINIAI, LITHUANIA IN JUNE OR JULY, 1941 WHILE
AN OFFICER OF THE LITHUANIAN SS.

3. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE WE SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH OUR
APPROACH TO THE SOVIETS, BUT THAT I -- RATHER THAN
YOU -- SHOULD MAKE THAT DECISION (IF YOU APPROVE). SISCO

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